

House File 2500 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 62)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating the criminal offense of interference with
2 judicial acts, and providing a penalty.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6574HV 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 720.7 INTERFERENCE WITH JUDICIAL
1 2 ACTS == PENALTY.
1 3 1. As used in this section:
1 4 a. "Court employee" means the same as defined in section
1 5 602.1101.
1 6 b. "Judicial officer" means the same as defined in section
1 7 602.1101.
1 8 c. "Family member" means a spouse, son, daughter, brother,
1 9 sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece,
1 10 father=in=law, mother=in=law, son=in=law, daughter=in=law,
1 11 brother=in=law, sister=in=law, father, mother, stepfather,
1 12 stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister,
1 13 half brother, or half sister.
1 14 2. A person who harasses a judicial officer, court
1 15 employee, or a family member of a judicial officer or a court
1 16 employee in violation of section 708.7, with the intent to
1 17 interfere with or improperly influence, or in retaliation for,
1 18 the official acts of a judicial officer or court employee,
1 19 commits an aggravated misdemeanor.
1 20 EXPLANATION
1 21 This bill creates a criminal offense for interference with
1 22 judicial acts.
1 23 Under the bill, a person who harasses a judicial officer,
1 24 court employee, or a family member of a judicial officer or
1 25 court employee in violation of Code section 708.7, with the
1 26 intent to interfere with or improperly influence, or in
1 27 retaliation for, the official acts of a judicial officer or
1 28 court employee, commits an aggravated misdemeanor.
1 29 An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for
1 30 no more than two years and a fine of at least \$625 but no more
1 31 than \$6,250.
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